

RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE AGENDA
RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF: DECEMBER 1, 2003

- CALL TO ORDER
- ANNOUNCEMENT RE: COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW

MINUTES:

PRESENT: COUNCILMAN WEEKLY and COUNCILWOMAN MONCRIEF

Also Present: DEPUTY CITY MANAGER STEVE HOUCHENS, CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED, CITY CLERK BARBARA JO RONEMUS, and DEPUTY CITY CLERK GABRIELA S. PORTILLO-BRENNER

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE – meeting noticed and posted at the following locations:

City Hall Plaza, Posting Board

Court Clerk's Bulletin Board, City Hall

Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North

Senior Citizens Center, 450 E. Bonanza Road

Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy

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DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY

DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC

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CONSENT

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DISCUSSION

SUBJECT:

NEW BILL:

Bill No. 2003-99 – Annexation No. ANX-3087 – Property location: North of Centennial Parkway, east of Puli Road, south of Grand Teton Drive and west of Hualapai Way; Petitioned by: Land Title of Nevada, et al.; Acreage: 28.63 acres; Zoned: R-U (County zoning), U (PCD) (City equivalent). Sponsored by: Councilman Michael Mack

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

Amount:

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Budget Funds Available

Dept./Division:

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Augmentation Required

Funding Source:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The proposed ordinance annexes certain real property generally located north of Centennial Parkway, east of Puli Road, south of Grand Teton Drive and west of Hualapai Way. The annexation is at the request of the property owners. The annexation process has now been completed in accordance with the NRS and the final date of annexation (December 12, 2003) is set by this ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION:

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Bill No. 2003-99 and Location Map

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

COUNCILWOMAN MONCRIEF recommended Bill 2003-99 be forwarded to the Full Council with a “Do Pass” recommendation. COUNCILMAN WEEKLY concurred.

MINUTES:

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing open.

CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY STEED advised that the bill was in order.

No one appeared in opposition and there was no further discussion.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing closed.

(4:08 – 4:09)

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DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY**DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC**☐**CONSENT**☒**DISCUSSION****SUBJECT:**

NEW BILL:

Bill No. 2003-100 – Amends the Redevelopment Plan for the Downtown Las Vegas Redevelopment Area to consolidate and update the Plan's land use designations, and to extend the duration of the Plan as permitted by State law. Proposed by: Robert S. Genzer, Director of Planning and Development

Fiscal Impact☒**No Impact****Amount:**☐**Budget Funds Available****Dept./Division:**☐**Augmentation Required****Funding Source:****PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

This bill formalizes the City Council's recent approval of an amendment to the Redevelopment Plan to consolidate and update the Plan's land use designations, and to extend the duration of the Plan for an additional five years as permitted by State law.

RECOMMENDATION:

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Bill No. 2003-100

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

COUNCILWOMAN MONCRIEF recommended Bill 2003-100 be forwarded to the Full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. COUNCILMAN WEEKLY concurred.

MINUTES:

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing open.

MARGO WHEELER, Deputy Director of Planning and Development Department, explained that the bill follows the City Council and Redevelopment Agency adoption of the new Redevelopment Plan map in October. This text portion will implement that and was directed to come forward by the City Council

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Item 2 – Bill No. 2003-100

MINUTES – Continued:

No one appeared in opposition and there was no further discussion.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing closed.

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DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY

DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC

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CONSENT

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DISCUSSION

SUBJECT:

NEW BILL:

Bill No. 2003-101 – Allows bailbond services in the C-1 Zoning District by means of special use permit. Sponsored by: Councilman Lawrence Weekly

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

Amount:

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Budget Funds Available

Dept./Division:

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Augmentation Required

Funding Source:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

Currently, bailbond services are permitted by means of special use permit in the C-2, C-M and M Zoning Districts, but not in the C-1 District. It has been suggested that this use has no greater potential for impact on surrounding areas than other office and service commercial uses typically allowed in the C-1 District. This bill is intended, then, to allow the use in the C-1 District by means of special use permit.

RECOMMENDATION:

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Bill No. 2003-101

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

COUNCILWOMAN MONCRIEF recommended Bill 2003-101 be forwarded to the Full Council with a “Do Pass” recommendation. COUNCILMAN WEEKLY concurred.

MINUTES:

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing open.

ROBERT GENZER, Director of Planning and Development Department, indicated that the bill was proposed to accommodate a request for the use within a C-1 zone. Staff had no recommendation, but if approved, a special use permit would be required. The concern is that the use is presently limited to the downtown area and this bill would allow the use to locate in any C-1 zone throughout the City. COUNCILMAN WEEKLY confirmed with MR. GENZER that any such application, regardless of location, would require a discretionary special use permit.

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Item 3 – Bill No. 2003-101

MINUTES – Continued:

COUNCILWOMAN MONCRIEF requested clarification of what initiated the bill. COUNCILMAN WEEKLY responded that there was an applicant for a C-1 location where there was no objection by the City or adjacent businesses. COUNCILWOMAN MONCRIEF stressed that the special use permit would remain at the discretion of the Council.

No one appeared in opposition and there was no further discussion.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing closed.
(4:09 – 4:12)

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DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY

DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC

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CONSENT

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DISCUSSION

SUBJECT:

NEW BILL:

Bill No. 2003-102 – Appropriates a percentage of the annual capital improvements budget for securing, installing and maintaining works of art at City capital improvement projects.

Sponsored by: Mayor Oscar B. Goodman

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

Amount:

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Budget Funds Available

Dept./Division:

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Augmentation Required

Funding Source:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

This bill establishes a Percent for the Arts program (Program) which requires the City Council to appropriate a minimum of one percent of the City's annual capital improvements budget to the Municipal Arts Fund for the purpose of providing works of art at capital improvement projects. This proposed Program is modeled after similar existing programs in the cities of Reno, Nevada; Seattle, Washington; Phoenix, Arizona; San Francisco, California; and, Chicago, Illinois. Expenditures of funds appropriated for the Program may only be made in compliance with the Municipal Arts Plan approved by the City Council. Passage of this bill could generate approximately \$150,000 annually for public art based on estimated annual capital project funding from the general fund or from bonds proceeds that will be repaid from general fund revenues.

RECOMMENDATION:

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing, and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Bill No. 2003-102

Submitted at meeting – PowerPoint presentation regarding Public Art and support letter from Christine A. Fey, AICP, Reno Arts and Culture Manager

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

COUNCILWOMAN MONCRIEF recommended Bill 2003-102 be forwarded to the Full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. COUNCILMAN WEEKLY concurred.

MINUTES:

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing open.

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Item 4 – Bill No. 2003-102

MINUTES – Continued:

NANCY DEANER, Leisure Services, introduced DALE ERQUIAGA, Chairman of the Las Vegas Arts Commission, and LISA STAMANOS, Visual Arts Specialist.

MR. ERQUIAGA stated that the Arts Commission was fortunate to be asked to work on the bill before the Committee. This is an important step for the Las Vegas art community. Public art is the charge of many people within the community. The City funds an existing arts program and this would bring Las Vegas into parity with 200 other major cities in America. It is part of Las Vegas growing up. One percent would be allocated from General Fund only capital improvement projects for art projects and would not include federal or Community Development Block Grant funds. It was estimated to allocate between \$100,000 and \$150,000 per year as set aside. That set aside fund can only be used for art at public buildings and parks. Although this would double the accumulated amount, it would cap at one million dollars. Funds would be able to pool from project to project. He acknowledged the work of staff for over a year along with members of the Arts Commission. In closing, he submitted a letter of support from the City of Reno, who already has a similar ordinance in place.

MS. STAMANOS, Project Manager for the Las Vegas Arts Commission, reviewed the PowerPoint on what public arts does for a community and what it looks like locally, nationally and internationally.

KIM RUSSELL, Arts Commission member, Program Director for International House of Blues Foundation and Board member for the Nevada Alliance of Arts Education, outlined the efforts of her Board to include the arts in the statewide educational curriculum. Her love of art came from her elementary education in San Francisco, where an ordinance provides 2% of construction costs of civic buildings, transportation, parks and other projects for public art. The exposure to diverse cultures and arts stimulated her love. Historical markers honor the past and she would like to see that incorporated into the Las Vegas centennial celebration. Support of this bill sends a strong message of support for a community rich in art and culture.

STEVEN LAGORI, 818 Park Paseo, outlined the lack of public art beyond that in front of the casinos. Exposure to Hoover Dam helped. At age nine, he began sculpting in stone. He has done projects at the Dam, Veterans Cemetery and is commissioned for the Mary Dutton Park memorial monument. Public art generates a public response, draws culture to the community, creates a sense of community and people use it as a landmark. Art stirs the mind of children. All these things are critical given the approaching centennial. This is a city of more than just gaming.

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MINUTES – Continued:

MICKIE RICHARDSON, 20-year resident of Las Vegas and art educator, summarized her 18-years of teaching art in public schools. In many cases, public art is the introduction to art for children. It brings people together and puts the creativity right to them with a single goal to beautify and say something about the community. Art can make a statement about the past, present or future and generally reflects the values of the community. The product and the process are equally important as they result in crossing boundaries and unite a community. It generates a sense of civic pride.

CANDY SNYDER spoke as the Chairman of States Arts Council, a very long-term resident and the Clark County School District's School Community Partnership Program. From all three positions, she indicated that public art is the future for the community. She strongly agreed with the previous comments. Although her memory stretched beyond those who already spoke, many of the pieces of art referenced no longer exist. Elsewhere, internationally and nationally, architecture and public art will last for generations. That needs to be established within the community. Tourism is built on the arts but forgotten within the community itself. Partnerships have been established with the arts community and every jurisdiction in order to involve children in the arts. This percentage will take that to even greater heights. The involvement includes the children and their families, bringing together neighborhoods to form a community by providing a place for that type of community celebration. Reno took the step to spark public art, which resulted in the private sector taking on the same challenge. She encouraged support of the bill and stated that she looked forward to working with the City in all her various capacities.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY and COUNCILWOMAN MONCRIEF thanked the speakers for their excitement. There is a lack of culture in Las Vegas.

No one appeared in opposition and there was no further discussion.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing closed.

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DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY

DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC

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CONSENT

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DISCUSSION

SUBJECT:

NEW BILL:

Bill No. 2003-103 – Prohibits the use of residential streets for the test-driving of vehicles offered for sale or lease by a vehicle dealership. Sponsored by: Councilwoman Janet Moncrief and Mayor Oscar B. Goodman

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

Amount:

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Budget Funds Available

Dept./Division:

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Augmentation Required

Funding Source:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

In some areas of the City, customers and employees of vehicle dealerships use nearby residential streets for the test-driving of vehicles that are being offered for sale or lease. This bill will generally prohibit that practice and, in addition to traditional enforcement tools, will provide that violations by dealership personnel may result in license disciplinary action.

RECOMMENDATION:

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Bill No. 2003-103

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

COUNCILWOMAN MONCRIEF recommended Bill 2003-103 be HELD IN ABEYANCE to 1/5/2004. COUNCILMAN WEEKLY concurred.

MINUTES:

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY announced that the bill would be held in abeyance until 1/5/2004, read the item into the record and declared the Public Hearing open.

No one appeared in opposition and there was no further discussion.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing closed.

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DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY**DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC**☐**CONSENT**☒**DISCUSSION****SUBJECT:**

NEW BILL:

Bill No. 2003-104 – Allows trucking companies in the C-2 Zoning District by means of special use permit. Proposed by: Robert S. Genzer, Director of Planning and Development

Fiscal Impact☒**No Impact****Amount:**☐**Budget Funds Available****Dept./Division:**☐**Augmentation Required****Funding Source:****PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

Moving companies and other trucking companies currently are allowed to conduct operations only within the C-M and M Zoning Districts. It is believed that this limitation is too restrictive and that these operations, if limited in scope, can be permitted appropriately in the C-2 Zoning District by means of special use permit. This bill will accomplish the change and establish minimum standards for approval that will limit on-site activities as well as the number of trucks and trailers that can be parked or stored on-site.

RECOMMENDATION:

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Bill No. 2003-104

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

COUNCILWOMAN MONCRIEF recommended Bill 2003-104 be forwarded to the Full Council with a “Do Pass” recommendation. COUNCILMAN WEEKLY concurred.

MINUTES:

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing open.

ROBERT GENZER, Director of Planning and Development Department, stated that the bill was promoted by a single application. The application is not for a warehouse and the proposed bill would allow for a limited office use and parking of up to five trucks or trailers in a C-2 zone subject to a special use permit. The bill specifically prohibits servicing vehicles or storage/warehousing/unloading of goods and products onsite. There would be no issue as a result

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Item 6 – Bill No. 2003-104

MINUTES – Continued:

of the proposed bill, given the limited number of C-2 zones throughout the City, and staff recommended approval.

No one appeared in opposition and there was no further discussion.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing closed.

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CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: ITEMS RAISED UNDER THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA CANNOT BE DELIBERATED OR ACTED UPON UNTIL THE NOTICE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN MEETING LAW HAVE BEEN MET. IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON A MATTER NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA, PLEASE CLEARLY STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS. IN CONSIDERATION OF OTHERS, AVOID REPETITION, AND LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO NO MORE THAN THREE (3) MINUTES. TO ENSURE ALL PERSONS EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK, EACH SUBJECT MATTER WILL BE LIMITED TO TEN (10) MINUTES.

MINUTES:

None.

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THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted: _____
GABRIELA S. PORTILLO-BRENNER, DEPUTY CITY CLERK
December 31, 2003